

## **Pfc Yoshio W. Ogomori**

February 9, 1923 – J u n e 26, 1944



Yoshio W. Ogomori was born in Kekaha, Kauai, on February 9, 1923. He was the son of Jungo and Yoshi (Tanaka) Ogomori. He was educated at Palolo School, McKinley High School and University of Hawaii in Oahu. Before entering the service, he was a carpenter for the Army.

Ogomori (30104668) was inducted into the Army at Schofield Barracks, Oahu in March, 1943. He was combat trained in Camp Shelby, Mississippi.

He was assigned to Company A, 100th Infantry Battalion, 442 Regimental Combat Team in the continental United States and Italy

He was awarded the Silver Star (posthumously), Purple Heart, Combat Infantry Badge, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, and the World War II Victory Medal.

Pfc. Yoshio W. Ogomori was killed in action near Suvereto, Italy, during the Rome-Arno Campaign on June 26, 1944.

He is interred at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (Punchbowl) in Honolulu, Hawaii.

AWARDS, POSTHUMOUS, OF THE SILVER STAR (Sec. I, GO No. 13, Hq 6th Army Group, 3 Mar 45) YOSHIO OGOMORI (30104668) Private First Class, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 26 June 1944, in the vicinity of Belvedere, Italy. When Pfc Ogomori's squad was pinned down by rifle and machine pistol fire from a building occupied by the enemy, Pfc. Ogomori on his own initiative crawled forward through the enemy fire, worked his way up to the building, and from a vantage point fired several rifle grenades into the enemy stronghold. His effective fire caused the enemy to center their attention on him and allowed the rest of the squad to advance on the building. While reloading his rifle, Pfc Ogomori was fatally wounded by an enemy sniper. The courageous action of Pfc Ogomori in the face of the enemy enabled his comrades to blast their way into the building and forced the defenders to flee, and his fearlessness under fire was in keeping with the highest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Honolulu, Territory of Hawaii. Next of kin: Mrs. Yoshi Ogomori (Mother), 3523 Hinahina Street, Honolulu, Territory of Hawaii.

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